

UNCLE SAM MAY FIND MEN JOBS

National Employment Agency With Postoffices as Sub-agencies Said to be the Plan of the Democrats.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—It is definitely learned that democratic members of the house committee on labor are preparing to introduce into the house what may prove to be one of the most important labor measures ever placed before that body.

The bill in question is believed to be the plan of James Eads Hottel, the "millionaire hobo." How has just left Washington after a series of conferences with Rep. John L. Nolan of California, and Rep. David J. Lewis of Maryland, both of whom are members of the labor committee and both union men. How also conferred with Postmaster General Burleson. He urged on them the consideration by congress of a bill to establish a "national employment bureau." And at the present time, it looks very much as if this purpose would be successful.

Although the fact has not yet been made public, it is learned that both Cong. Lewis and Nolan now have under consideration drafts of such a proposed bill, and that such legislation has been seriously discussed with a number of well known social workers and economists who are the real authors of the bill.

Many Interested. It is also understood that the men behind this move have interested Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson and Assistant Secretary Louis F. Post in the subject, and that Postmaster General Burleson is giving serious attention to the matter. Assistant Secretary Post has promised his active support.

The proposed bill, while it embodies a principle which has been in successful operation for years in foreign countries—namely Germany and England—also, as well as in a number of states of the union, is nevertheless sweeping and revolutionary in its effect. The bill proposes to establish a national employment bureau, under the supervision of the department of labor, using the postoffices all over the country as labor employment bureaus. Certain first or second class postoffices in the larger cities will be designated as "central labor exchanges," for specified districts which will include all the third and fourth class postoffices within a given radius.

Workers seeking positions may file with their local postmaster or postmistress an application on a prescribed form, stating the kind of position desired, their qualifications and experience and other necessary information.

Employers in need of workers similarly may file with the postmaster a statement showing the positions open. If at the end of 24 hours a worker's application has not secured him a position in the local "labor market," his application is to be forwarded to the central labor exchange for his district and there posted and sent out to all the postoffices in that district. If at the end of a week he is still out of employment, his application goes to a still larger zone or "department," and from there after a specified time to the national labor exchange, which, under the plan proposed, publishes a weekly or monthly bulletin showing all applicants for positions and all positions open.

The effect of this scheme gives an automatically widening field to the worker and the employer in which to secure or fill a position. The worker is thus automatically placed in touch with the job nearest his home. The employer is enabled to fill positions with workers closest at hand. Any proposed bill on this subject is sure to contain a provision barring from the use of the exchange any person, firm or corporation against whom its employees are striking, or where a strike vote is being taken preparatory to a strike. Thus the exchange could not be used as a strikebreaking agency as so many private agencies are now used.

Would Cost Nothing. Outside of its obvious advantages in bringing into immediate contact workers and employers, one other great advantage would be that the service would cost nothing to its beneficiaries. The expense of handling the system would be surprisingly small, according to those who have studied the question. In the local country postoffice, for instance, the three or four applications a day which the postmaster might receive could be handled by him in the ordinary course of his work. In larger postoffices, this work might require the services of a special clerk, but in no case could the expense be very great. In the case of private agencies, the applicant must frequently pay a fee to register, varying from \$1 to \$5 and then pay a percentage, usually five percent of the first year's salary, to the agency.

Another important feature of such a system would be its effect on the "white slave" traffic. For instance, a country girl desiring employment in the city, instead of trusting to chance, as she does now, and perhaps being without employment for several weeks or months—meanwhile the object of white slave traffic—would know before leaving her home where her employment was to be, her salary, and the character of the work. Besides this, white slave traffic attempted to use the service would face two penalties—the penalty under the Mann act, and also a penalty for using the mails for improper purposes.

It will readily be seen also how this proposed labor exchange could be used for the purpose of enforcing state and national laws regulating and safeguarding the employment of workers. The federal government could refuse the use of the service to employers convicted of violations of ordinances prescribing fire escapes, protection of dangerous machinery and so on.

The proposed bill will go in either at the present session, or if not completed in time, then at the session which opens in December.

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DISCOVERY OF LAND WILL BE LAST ONE

Locating of New Continent is Declared Most Important in Century.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Members of the National Geographic society said here Sunday that the reported Russian discovery of a continent 500 miles north of Asia, if true, would be the last great discovery of land. They pronounced it the most important discovery within the Arctic circle in the last century.

The report from St. Michaels, Alaska, that Commander Wilkizky, in command of the Russian government steamer, Taimyr and Wargatch, had arrived there and announced the discovery of a body of land as large as Greenland, extending beyond latitude 81 north and longitude 102 east, came as a distinct surprise to the members of the society.

It was known that the Russian government for years had pursued a survey in the Siberian ocean, but no word had reached them of regular exploring expedition into the frozen north.

The expanse north of Canada, Alaska, and Siberia has long been regarded as an inviting field for investigation, however, and the Canadian government sent Vilhjelm Stefansson into the area last summer on a three-year expedition.

SIX DROWN WHEN SKIFF OVERTURNS

Other Occupants Save Selves by Clinging to Boat Until Assistance Reaches Them.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 13.—Six persons were drowned and six others narrowly escaped a similar death Sunday when a skiff overturned in the Allegheny river at Tarentum, near this city. The dead are Antoine Widmer, Carl Widmer, John Widmer, John Widmer, Jr., Julius Sober and Joseph Sober, a son of Julius.

George Oblinger and a man engaged to row the boat saved their lives by clinging to the overturned skiff.

The party entered the skiff at Brackenridge and planned to cross the river to Edinburg opposite Tarentum. When near midstream the overloaded craft was caught by swells from a passing boat and upset.

All the bodies were recovered Sunday night.

TWO ARE KILLED.

PORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 13.—Bernard Voors, 26, and Loretta Reiling, 25, were instantly killed Sunday night when a buggy in which they were driving was struck by a Ford Wayne & Northern Indiana traction car on the Bluffton line, four miles south of this city. Both bodies were horribly mangled but Voors was identified by a prayer book in his pocket which bore his name.

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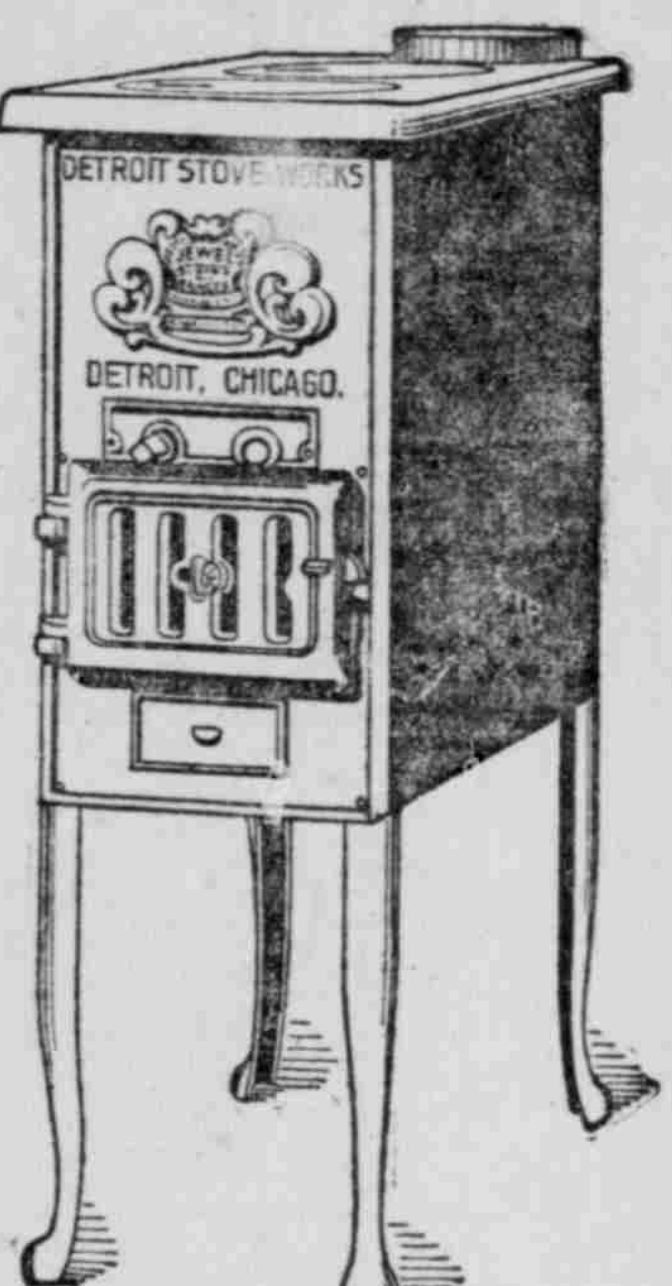
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WEAR YOUR WATCH ON FINGER NOW—NEW FAD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Finger watches little larger than the ordinary dinner rings, are being worn on the third finger of the left hand of Washington society girls. The wrist watch, the ankle watch, the sarter watch, all are considered passe now and the fragile digit time pieces are the mark of modishness.

MAKE UP QUARREL THEY HAD IN YOUTH—ARE WED

CENTRAL MORICHES, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Thos. S. Sutherland, 70, a retired boiler maker of Troy, and Mrs. Sarah S. Murray, 65, a wealthy widow of this town, have obtained a license to wed.

They had been sweethearts in youth but had quarreled.

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